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to court." (Id. (emphasis in original).)

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Petitioner is wrong. As Petitioner acknowledges, the trial court clearly stated, on the record, that a "Sergeant" advised the court that Petitioner could not be brought to court that day. (RT at 126-127.) Petitioner makes much of the fact that the "Sergeant" did not testify at trial, and that instead, the information "came from an ex parte conversation between the judge and 'the Sergeant'" (See Obj. at 5-6.) But Petitioner fails to cite any authority, nor is the Court aware of any, that required the Court to take the "Sergeant's" testimony on this issue.

And in any event, Petitioner falls far short of meeting his burden to rebut the California Supreme Court's finding with clear and convincing evidence. See 28 U.S.C. § 2254(e)(1) (In a habeas proceeding, "a determination of a factual issue made by a State court shall be presumed to be correct. The applicant shall have the burden of rebutting the presumption of correctness by clear and convincing evidence.") Other than speculative and conclusory statements about what law enforcement could have done, Petitioner fails to provide the Court with any basis upon which to conclude that the California Supreme Court's finding was incorrect.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Report and Recommendation is approved and adopted;
- 2. Judgment be entered denying the Petition and dismissing this action with prejudice; and
- 3. The Clerk serve copies of this Order on the parties.

Additionally, for the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation, the Court finds that Petitioner has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253; Fed. R. App. P. 22(b); Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336 (2003). Thus, the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability.

HON. JOHN F. WALTER UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE